

## At Hong Kong Walsh Enters Red China To Visit Brother

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Hong Kong, Aug. 1 (AP)—Communist border guards escorted William C. Walsh, of Cumberland, into Red China today on the last leg of a journey to visit his imprisoned clergyman brother, Bishop James E. Walsh.

The 70-year-old former Maryland attorney general crossed a barbed-wire barricade on the wooden bridge separating this British colony from Red China, without ceremony or formality. A border guard greeted him with "Good morning" in English.

Dressed in striped, navy-blue suit and carrying two pieces of hand luggage, Walsh looked serious as he stepped over the frontier.

### Turns At Border To Wave

He turned and waved to newsmen and Red Cross officials who accompanied him to the border, then walked off toward the train taking him to Canton.

From there he expects to go to Shanghai where his 69-year-old brother, the Most Rev. James E. Walsh, is believed imprisoned.

William Walsh has not seen his brother since 1948. He expects to spend about two weeks in Red China.

He is one of two Americans

Red China has granted permission to visit relatives serving long-term sentences on espionage charges.

### Mrs. Downey To Visit Son

The other is Mrs. Mary V. Downey, of New Britain, Conn., who will visit her son, John T. Downey, a former civilian employee of the United States Army, held since 1952.

The United States consulate in Hong Kong said it is the first time the Chinese Communists have allowed a relative to see the Catholic Bishop. Mrs. Downey was permitted to visit her son in a Peking prison in 1958.

Bishop Walsh, a native of Cumberland, is a former father-general of the Maryknoll Order of priests at Ossining, N.Y.

### Went To China In 1918

He went to China first in 1918. Thirty years later he returned to China as a bishop.

Placed under house arrest in 1951, he later refused repatriation, saying, "my work is here in Shanghai."

He was sentenced to twenty years in prison last March by a Shanghai people's court on a charge of espionage and conspiring to overthrow the Communist Government.